

LOCAL HOCKEY OUTLOOK  
SHOWS NO IMPROVEMENT

Loss of Several Players to Mohawk is Felt Seriously by Calumet Management—Hopes Entertainment for Good Team Yet.

From a Calumet standpoint the hockey situation shows no evidence of an early improvement. The local management has faithfully tried to fill with seasoned players, the places of those veterans who have been coaxed away, but thus far without success. While the other teams of the Copper Country league are almost ready for the opening of the season, the "gray and red" seven is incomplete, and apparently must depend to a large extent upon raw material. Some of the new men have shown unexpected form, and the management is hopeful, but far from as confident as would have been the case, if Mahan, Hogan, Uksilla, St. George and Gray were included in the squad which is working out at the Palestra each evening.

These men have gone to the Mohawk team which promises to be one of the strongest in the league. Despite the protests of the Calumet management, and the urgent requests for the release of enough men to fill up the Calumet quota with veterans, Mohawk has refused to listen to argument.

A little more than twelve months ago, Mohawk was striving to place a team on the ice which could cope with its older rivals. From a spirit of friendliness to the young aggregation and for the good of the game the Red Jacket team released two of its best players to Mohawk, Chaput, admitted by many critics to be the best rover in the league, and St. George, a first class wing man, and one of the mainstays of last year's Mohawk team. Now, however, the situation has changed. Mohawk, with the signatures of Mahan, Hogan, Uksilla, Gray and Will St. George, appears to have the upper hand.

In the face of this handicap, the Calumet management is making an effort to provide good sport to the hockey loving public of Calumet. Several new faces will undoubtedly be seen in the line-up but the strongest seven available will be placed on the ice.

Despite the unfavorable prospect, the hockey fans are awaiting the opening of the season with interest, and it is expected that a liberal support will be accorded the local team.

## RESEMBLES THE DANE.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Since Al

Wolgast, the little Michigan bulldog, so decisively defeated Lew Powell, who was conceded to be the best light-weight California has produced since Jimmy Britt, fight followers have been figuring out his chances with Battling Nelson and nine out of every ten will give you the same answer: "Wolgast has more than a good chance with the Dane."

In the ring, Wolgast is a miniature edition of Nelson. His style of fighting is a perfect replica of the champion's. Fighting all the time, never backing up, boring in head down and whaling away at the stomach, taking everything that comes his way without winning, Wolgast seems to have made a study of Nelson's mode of milling and learned his lesson completely, from soda to hock.

But there is one department in which he has it on Nelson, and that is in speed. Where Nelson plods, Wolgast darts in and out with amazing agility. He can hit from any angle and does not need to be set to land. Because he failed to finish Powell, it has been said that he lacks the punch, but it's a 10 to 1 shot that there isn't a light-weight living capable of stowing Powell away inside of twenty rounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAMS  
FEAR JENNINGS TIGERS

New York, Dec. 20.—That Detroit has a possible four-time pennant winner is the consensus of opinion among the managers of the various teams. Connie Mack is the only American league manager absent, but the others were free in discussing the subject. Their views:

Manager Donovan of Boston: "While I am expecting great things from the Boston boys, I must nevertheless admit that Detroit is the team Boston must beat out in order to win the flag. I think it rather early to bring this matter up."

Manager McGuire of Cleveland: "Detroit has a strong combination. In fact, I can see no stronger one in the American league."

Manager Duffy of Chicago: "Detroit is well balanced and looks awful good. To be candid, it will take an exceptional team to beat the Tigers out, but we will all be trying next year."

Manager O'Connor, of St. Louis: "They look as good as they ever did, which means that, having won three pennants, they will come pretty close to it again."

Manager McAleer, of Washington: "Detroit will get the usual hard fight, and the club that wins the pennant must beat out the Tigers. It looks like Detroit at this time, since so many clubs will experiment with young

ZBYSKO IS CONFIDENT  
HE WILL DEFEAT GOTCH

Giant Pole Does Not Fear Famous Toe Hold of Champion, Claiming to Have Legs Like Iron—Manager Likewise is Sure.

I can defeat Gotch if we ever meet. I consider Gotch a fast, clever and strong wrestler, but after my handicap bout with him in Buffalo I was satisfied that I can win if we wrestle to a finish. It may take me two hours to win the first fall from him, but by that time I will have him worn out and I will get the second in thirty minutes. Gotch's cleverness will be offset by my strength and I can stay longer than he can.

This is the statement made by Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, who stood off Gotch for an hour at Buffalo. Jack Herman, his manager, says he made this same statement to him immediately after the handicap bout in Buffalo, and he believes Zbyszko is sincere in his belief that he will be the world's champion if he ever gets a chance at Gotch in a finish bout.

"I am of the belief that Zbyszko's strength is too much for Gotch," said Herman last night. "There is not another wrestler in the country with the weight and power of this man. His legs are like iron and there is little chance for anyone to throw Zbyszko with arm and head holds because of the strength of his arms, neck and shoulders. Gotch worked for twenty minutes of the sixty trying to get a hammerlock on the big fellow, and failed."

"Then he worked for twenty minutes to try and get the toe hold, but it did not work. Zbyszko lay on the mat and watched Gotch work in order to get an idea of his cleverness and what he knew about the game. He allowed Gotch to bring his toe up farther each time until finally Gotch had his real toe hold on Zbyszko and the big fellow straightened his leg right out and broke the hold easily. Zbyszko is so powerful that I do not think Gotch can possibly throw him with a toe hold, and that is the one Gotch will be compelled to use if he intends to win."

"I told Zbyszko to allow Gotch to do the work in his handicap match in Buffalo. Gotch tried for almost an hour

players."

Manager Stallings, of New York: "Detroit has a fine team and one that looks good for another pennant, unless Boston, Philadelphia or New York show unexpected strength and surprise

to throw him and then motioned for Zbyszko to get up. He got right up on his feet and for the last five minutes was throwing Gotch all over the ring. I think Gotch will lose if he ever meets this Polish wrestler or I would never have brought him to this country. We have been looking for a man to beat Gotch for a long time, and I think I have the man."

## JUST ONE OUTSIDE GAME.

Coach Stagg's football schedule for 1910 will consist of six conference games and the eastern favors, according to the latest Midway announcements. The University of Chicago coach plans to take on his "big eight" neighbors for all but one game.

The maroon decision to favor the conference institutions again means that Chicago will stand against breaking up the "big eight" ties for another season, according to the rosters' interpretation. Members of the Chicago faculty said recently they would be firm for a schedule which would insure the continuance of good conference feeling and guard against any breaks.

QUARTERBACK WILSON IS  
SAID TO BE IMPROVING

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Wes B. Wilson of Covington, Ky., father of Cadet Earl Wilson, quarterback of the navy football team, who was seriously injured in a game with Villa Nova some weeks ago, was in the city recently. Mr. Wilson has been at his son's bedside ever since the accident, and he brings the very encouraging news that the young athlete is rapidly improving.

Young Wilson is now able to sit up, and has the use of his arms, and the attending surgeons are of the opinion that he will eventually be as good physically as ever before.

"The improvement in my son's condition has been gradual, but most encouraging," said Mr. Wilson. "For a time his lungs did not work voluntarily, but were kept in action by the muscles of his diaphragm. Now he is breathing with his lungs. The use of his arms and neck are gradually coming back. In fact the improvement is on a downward course, and we have hopes that in time he will be able to use his legs."

"The operation which was performed was successful in every way. It seems that the 4th vertebra was fractured, and the crushed portion was removed. Since then my son's improvement has been marked, and we are assured that he will in due time be as good as ever. But none of my boys will ever be allowed to play football

ROWETT RETAINS HONORS  
AFTER BOUT WITH STOLL

Calumet Man Yields Wrestling Honors to Bessemer Game Warden After Stubbornly Fought Contest at Calumet Theater.

Jack Rowett, the Bessemer game warden is still champion of the heavy-weight Cornish wrestlers. He successfully defended his title against Herman Stoll of Calumet, at the theater, Saturday evening, although the match was stubbornly contested by the challenger. Stoll secured the first fall on the first hitch, but Rowett took the second in twenty hitches and the third and deciding fall in one.

The match proved a surprise to the small crowd of wrestling fans present, although those who have been watching Stoll at work predicted that it would. The crowd's sympathies were with Rowett. But just the same, it must be admitted that Stoll is a wrestler and worthy of meeting the best men in the game, though he shows the effect of his long retirement.

Stoll depended more on his great strength than on tricks and time and again broke dangerous holds and worked out of what seemed like certain falls. Rowett shows that he is improving in form with every match. His style Saturday night differed greatly from that he has shown in previous matches in Calumet. He worked in a crouching attitude and bored in under Stoll's "square" holds with his head before the local man could prevent it. With Harrington and Ziehr, Rowett worked more upright because, in strength, he was more than a match for either of the smaller men. But Stoll is an even stronger man than the champion.

Stoll, many of the fans who were at the ringside believe, would do well to take several smaller wrestlers on for matches and to train a month or so longer and again challenge Rowett. Another thing: Stoll used the "square" hold practically in every hitch, while if he resorted to a varied offense he would likely have stood a better chance of getting his man to the floor.

The first fall, secured by Stoll, was a surprise, even to the local man. Rowett attempted to lift and heave Stoll but in twisting the Calumet man threw him back and Rowett went four pins again."

Earl Wilson was the star athlete at Annapolis, leading in baseball, basketball and boxing, and but for the accident in football would have been the star of his team.

down, this being in the first hitch.

It took twenty hitches for Rowett to get his first fall on Stoll and then he got it with a fore hip throw. Of the nineteenth hitches preceding the fall, Rowett had the advantage in eight and Stoll in five. In the others, the men emerged with honors even. On the twelfth hitch, the men's heads came together, breaking the skin on their foreheads. Rowett wanted to continue at once, but it was decided to wait. Many of the fans thought that Rowett had secured a fall at the sixteenth hitch, his man, landing squarely on the floor. However, it developed that Rowett's arm was beneath the shoulders of his opponent and no fall could be given.

The third fall came on the first hitch—a fore and hip hold doing the trick. The fine exhibition of wrestling really warranted a better crowd, and it is believed that if the men could be brought together again, the theater would be entirely filled with spectators. Stoll weighed 190 pounds and Rowett 180.

In the preliminary match, Hoar of Trimountain threw Davey on the eighth hitch. After this, only four hitches were wrestled before the main bout, and no fall resulted.

Bert Williams of Ahmeek, challenged the winner, through his manager, "Billy" Wills. Sidney Chapman of Trimountain also challenged any wrestler in the world at his weight. The latter challenge was accepted by "Billy" Martin of Calumet, and the men will meet at 150 pounds. Mr. Wills offered a purse of \$100 for the match, if it takes place in Calumet and it is possible that this offer will be accepted. It developed at the match, that Joe Ziehr, is expected back next Wednesday from Seattle and that he is willing to meet either Stoll or Rowett. Ziehr's shoulder has entirely recovered from the injury sustained while training for the Harrington bout.

Louis Morgan officiated as referee of the main contest, Saturday evening, and his work was satisfactory in every way. Mr. Morgan was fair to both participants, and displayed a thorough knowledge of the game.

## PLAYING WITH SUPERIOR.

Will Childs, formerly of Calumet, but now of Superior, has signed as a member of the Superior hockey seven for the coming season. Childs is a former member of the Crescent team, one of the fastest amateur teams in Calumet before the organization of the Copper Country Amateur league. Since that time he has developed considerably and is now considered one of the fastest point men at the "head of the lakes."

## JIM JEFFRIES SICK.

An aggravated case of lumbago compelled Jim Jeffries, undefeated champion, to go to bed at Evansville, Ind., immediately after his arrival from Chattanooga, Tenn. Dr. B. F. Roller, one of his touring party, said that the case was a very obstinate one that might result in the cancellation of future dates. Jeffries' illness is due to a three-hour workout in a draught in a Cleveland theater the latter part of last week. Frank Gotch is verging on pneumonia from the same cause.

## BUSH HAS ONE WEAKNESS.

"Donny" Bush, the Detroit shortstop, has one weakness. He is not certain on tagging the runner, and try as Jennings has, he has not been successful in teaching the lad to remedy it. Jennings finally came to the conclusion that the trouble rested with Bush's hands. His fingers are not strong enough to handle throws from the catcher. Therefore this weakness will be a lasting one. But this can be overlooked in view of his other good qualities.

CALENDAR OF SPORTS FOR  
THE WEEK.

**Monday.**  
Johnny Conlon vs. Earl Denning, 10 rounds, at Gary, Ind.  
Charley White vs. Babe Cullen, 8 rounds, at Memphis.  
Frank Mantel vs. Bill McKinnin, 12 rounds, at Woonsocket, R. I.

**Tuesday.**  
Championship pool match between Thos. Hueston and Benjamin Allen begins in Boston.  
Mike (Twinn) Sullivan vs. Jack Carrig, 19 rounds, at Pittsburg.

**Wednesday.**  
Bobby Tickle vs. Monk the Newsboy, 12 rounds, at Lymanville, R. I.  
Opening of chess tournament between Columbia, Yale, Harvard and Princeton universities.

**Friday.**  
Jack Dougherty vs. Clarence English, 20 rounds, at Sheridan, Wyo.

**Saturday.**  
Opening of automobile show in Columbus, Ohio.  
Monte Dale vs. Muggsy Schoel, 20 rounds, at Victor, Colorado.  
"Kid" Ferns vs. Frank Fitzgerald, 15 rounds, at Fort Worth, Texas.

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